actual expenditures exceeding the quantum of grants-in-aid, arrears accrue and are required to be reimbursed by the Central Government. Based on the expenditure reports received so far from the States, an amount of Rs. 397.60 crores has become payable to the States as arrears upto the period ending March, 1991.

During the year 1990-91 a special allocation of Rs. 100 crores was released to the States towards part settlement of the arrears. Similarly, an amount of Rs. 100 crores has been earmarked in the Annual Plan of the current year for this purpose. Efforts ae being made to have the Plan allocations of the Family Welfare sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan increased to meet the full requirement of funds for the State and Union Territories, so as to clear the arrears and prevent further accumulation thereof.

Expansion of Mormugao Port

*239. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been formulated by Government for the expansion of Mormugao Port; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the draft Annual Plan 1992-93, important schemes like Construction of Additional Cargo berth No. 11, construction of new Additional berth, procurement of container handling equipment and acquisition of fire fighting equipment are included.

Apathy of Medical Staff in Hospitals

*240. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing apathy, neglect and rude behaviour of the medical staff including Doctors and Nurses in the hospitals in Delhi and other parts of the country which are generally visited by the poor patients; and

(b) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take to tackle the problem and make them more humane towards poor patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) It would not be correct to make a generalised statement that there is growing apathy, neglect and rude behaviour of medical staff including doctors and nurses. By and large, the medical staff in Government Hospitals has been rendering satisfactory services to all patients, including poor, notwithstanding the great increase on the demand of such services in the tertiary level institutions in Delhi and elsewhere. Whenever any complaint of apathy/neglect/rude behaviour comes to notice, due action is taken.

Indian Strategy for UNCED Meeting

@1783. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 2-day meeting of Ministers of SAARC countries was held in the Capital early last month to formulate a common South Asian strategy for the forthcoming UN Conference on Environment and Development to be held in Brazil and also discuss region environmental problems in the wake of the conclusion

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